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Title :

Vertical Non-Volatile Semiconductor Memory Cell and Method

for Manufacturing the Memory Cell

Examiner

Richard A. Booth - Art Unit: 2812

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicant elects group I, claims 1-13 for prosecution at this time.

The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date and/or to request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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